

**BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Teaching & Learning Committee Minutes**

**DATE:** May 12, 2021

**LOCATION:** Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria  
185 Damascus Road, Branford, CT

**SUBJECT:** Teaching & Learning Committee

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**ATTENDANCE**

<b>HERE</b>	<b>ATTENDEE</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
Y	Ellen Michaels, Committee Chair	Board of Education
N	Joanne M. Borrus	Board of Education
Y	Peter Berdon	Board of Education
Y	Cristina Cantu	Board of Education
N	Chad Edgar	Board of Education
Y	Meredith Gaffney	Board of Education
Y	Dawn Perrotti	Board of Education
Y	John Prins	Board of Education
Y	Tim Raynor	Board of Education
Y	Hamlet M. Hernandez, Superintendent	Central Office
Y	Rachel Sexton, Assistant Superintendent	Central Office

Others in attendance: Lauren Skultety and Ashley Marinaro, District Curriculum Coordinators

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**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**ITEM DESCRIPTION**

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**CALL**

**01** Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Ellen Michaels, Committee Chair.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

**02** MOTION (Raynor/Perrotti) to approve minutes from the April 21, 2021 Teaching & Learning Committee meeting.  
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

**DISCUSSION/UPDATE ITEMS**

**A. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Part II**

Superintendent Hernandez and Assistant Superintendent Sexton discussed DEI Part II with the Board. Among the items that they discussed were; the focus on DEI, BPS Global Learning Competencies (effective communicators, self-directed learners, critical thinkers and active, well-rounded citizens), curriculum writing (World Language and Humanities – ELA and SS), Materials (ELA and School Libraries), Shifting Practice (Instruction, Assessment, Culture & Climate and Discipline), Shifting Instructional Practice (from - evaluate the functions, to – pay it forward task) and cultivating a Growth Mindset (effects/results).

**B. Updates**

Superintendent Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent Sexton, Lauren Skultety and Ashley Dubin provided an update on attendance, academics, student wellness and summer programs. Among the items that they discussed were; District attendance (in-person – 94.13%, Virtual – 84.48%, and overall attendance 93.10%), Academics (Assessments – Las Links, NGSS, AP & SBA, Seal of Biliteracy, and Computer Science Offerings), Student Wellbeing (Climate Survey, emotional wellbeing check-ins and behavior data), Summer Programs (Elementary Enrichment, WIS Summer Spectacular and BHS credit recovery), STEM, ESSER II and priorities.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments made at this evenings meeting.

**ADJOURN**

**03** MOTION (Perrotti) to adjourn.  
APPROVED

Ms. Michaels adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM.

**The next Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting will be  
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Walsh Intermediate School Cafeteria.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Meredith Gaffney  
Secretary

Prepared by,  
Kerry Eyrich